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Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 7:24 AM
To: 'Teri Messner'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Docket #20240032-SU

Good morning,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20240032, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

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Watching the sewer issue come up over and over again by a for-profit business and a committee that recommends it despite the residents of Don Pedro Island being against it signals the standard government corruption from deep pocket interests. I'm not asserting it's the case, but certainly bears every resemblance.

We've been residents for 13 years and coming to the island for 32. There are so many reasons why the current septic system should stay in place.

Our wildlife and simple life is what makes our island unique. Tearing it up, displacing wildlife is unnecessary when our current septic standard is working. This is a simple statement for a complex situation. You must know the island to understand how tearing it up would be devastating.

The financial burden of assessing homeowners in the interest of a for profit business is unconscionable! I'm assuming by the committee's recommendations those on the committee assume homeowners on an island are wealthy. Many of us saved up for a long time to buy rental property, reliant on rentals to keep the houses afloat. With the proposed increase in insurance this year, many homeowners will already be struggling beyond the repairs we're still trying to make from 3 hurricanes in 3 years. Forcing a needless assessment on them could put many of our homeowners on the brink of sale or foreclosure.

If you've been to the island, you'd know it's not like the other islands. It's quiet, quaint and is virtually untouched by commercialism. Our wildlife is vast and most streets unpaved. The destruction to add this unnecessary sewer system is exactly that, unnecessary!

Our septic systems have been in existence since the beginning. Many places around the country consistently use septic systems. Again, other than making a profit off the islanders, I'm not understanding why this topic continues to be replayed.

Our residents poured their hearts out to the committee and it appears from the recommendation, either the committee didn't listen or there are more nefarious actions behind the scenes. The island does not need a sewer system, it does not need private companies profiting off us without our say or assessing us for something we don't want.

Again, the idea that we'd be assessed by a private company whom we did not want so they in turn could not only profit, but regulate our fees, is unconscionable!!

The committee should be ashamed of itself for its recommendation and I'm prayerful it will not be voted in.

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